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1. RECENT EVENTS REQUIRE MINOR MODIFICATION TO HUMAN RIGHTS
REPORT FOR ECUADOR. CHANGES FOLLOW:

A. THE PENULTIMATE SENTENCE IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF PART I SHOULD
READ: QUOTE AT THE PRESENT TIME BOTH INDOOR MEETINGS AND OPEN
AIR RALLIES ARE PERMITTED, ALTHOUGH STREET DEMONSTRATIONS ARE
NOT. END QUOTE.

B. THE LAST SENTENCE UNDER ART. 9, PARAGRAPH 3 (A) SHOULD READ:
QUOTE THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL INSTANCES OF ARBITRARY ARREST
UNDER THIS GOVERNMENT. IN ONE CASE THE ARRESTED PERSON WAS
RELEASED AFTER BEING DETAINED 20 DAYS. IN TWO OTHER, SEPARATE
BUT RELATED, CASES 27 MEMBERS OF AN INFORMAL POLITICAL GROUP AND
2 MEMBERS OF A POLITICAL PARTY WERE HELD APPROXIMATELY A MONTH
BEFORE BEING RELEASED UNDER A GENERAL AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL
PRISONERS ISSUED DEC. 24. END QUOTE.

C. SIMILARLY, THE LAST SENTENCE IN PARAGRAPH 3 (A),
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ART. 11 SHOULD SHOW 31 DAYS VICE 20 AS THE LONGEST
DETENTION PERIOD.

D. THE LAST SENTENCE IN PARAGRAPH III (B) SHOULD BE
CHANGED TO READ: QUOTE NOTABLE EXCEPTIONS UNDER THE
CURRENT GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN THE ONE-DAY DETENTION OF AN

INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF CATHOLIC CLERGY AND LAYMEN IN
AUGUST 1976 AND THE DETENTIONS NOTED IN PARAGRAPH III (A),
ART. 9, ABOVE. END QUOTE.
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